Fall Term
History Courses
The Modern West

Taught by Jeffrey C. Brautigam
His161, Fall 2021
MWF 8:00-9:10
or MWF 9:20 PM-10:30 PM

An examination of the history of modern society, emphasizing that of Western Europe and North America, but also attending to the West’s relationship with the rest of the world. Partially satisfies the HS CCR.
Speaking of American History

His167, TR 10:00-11:45 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Sarah McNair Vosmeier

An introduction to the ways historians understand and interpret the past, focusing on selected topics in American history. Students will examine American oratory and oral history as they develop their own oral communication skills. Partially satisfies the HS CCR. Satisfies the S ACE.

World Civilizations to 1500

His171, TR 8:00-9:45 (Fall 2021)
Taught by J. Michael Raley

A comparative, thematic study of world history from the Neolithic Age to the beginning of the early modern era (ca. 1500 C.E.). The goal is to understand more fully cultures that are far removed from our own, both geographically and temporally. A related emphasis in this course will be the place of women in global history—women’s experiences in what typically have been patriarchal societies. Above all, the course stimulates a greater awareness and appreciation for cultural diversity in our world today. Partially satisfies the HS CCR and satisfies the W1 ACE. Offered each fall semester.

Image: El Castillo at Chichen Itza
HIS 172
World Civilizations Since 1500
Fall 2021
MWF 8-9:10
Dr. Miller

An examination of the history of the rise of modern societies across the globe as these societies functioned in isolation and in association with one another. Topics include European Colonialism, the World Wars, Decolonization, Globalization, and the spread of world religions such as Islam and Christianity. Partially satisfies HS CCR and satisfies W1 ACE.
An examination of the history of the “West” from the beginnings of civilization to A.D. 1500. Traditionally, “Western civilization” has been defined as that “culture” belonging to “Western,” or “European” countries—Europe and its colonies, including the Americas. Such a definition, however, also presents a number of difficulties, particularly in a global age. Unearthing and examining the sources of our Western heritage, along with the evolving traits that characterize it, will form the primary quest of this course. Partially satisfies the HS CCR. Offered in alternate years.
The History of the American Midwest

His225, TR 12:20-2:05 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Matthew N. Vosemeier

A survey of America’s heartland from the time of European contact to the present, examining the history of European exploration of the region, European and Native American relations, immigration and settlement, territorial organization and statehood, economic development, and the creation and meaning of Midwestern regional identity. Offered alternate years. Partially satisfies the HS CCR.

Image: Malabar Farm, Ohio.
Studies in American Indian History

His232, MWF 12:00-1:10 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Daniel Murphy

An examination of selected topics in American Indian history, exploring the experience of American Indian peoples in various parts of North American, such as the eastern woodlands or western plains. Issues addressed will include the culture of selected American Indian peoples before contact with Europeans, and their subsequent interactions with European and American settlers. Content may vary. May be repeated for credit with the permission of the instructor. Partially satisfies the HS CCR. Satisfies the W2 ACE. Satisfies the CP ACE.
Roman History

His252, TR 10:00-11:45 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Miriam R.P. Pittenger

A survey of Roman history from the founding of the city to the fall of the Roman Empire. Identical to Classics 252. Offered alternate years. Partially satisfies the HS CCR.

Image from Classical Numismatic Group.
The Crusades

His254, TR 10:00-11:45 (Fall 2021)
Taught by J. Michael Raley

An examination of the goals and justifications behind the papacy’s and the crusaders’ attempts to retake and hold Palestine between 1095 and 1291, as well as the Byzantine, Jewish, and Muslim responses to these efforts. The course will also consider later crusades from the 14th through the 16th centuries. Partially satisfies the HS CCR and the W2 ACE. Offered in alternate years.

Image: The Fall of Jerusalem, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, MS Fr. 22495, fol. 69v.
This course focuses on how Americans have bought and sold goods and services and how they have managed others’ labor or their own. We will consider questions of power and motivation from the colonial period to the present – how economic or political power limit or expand people’s options and how people make choices about what they do and buy.

HIS 267
History of Japan
MWF 12-1:10 PM
Dr. Miller
An introduction to the history of Japan from the beginning of Japanese civilization through the modern era. Topics include the Tokugawa Shogunate, kabuki, the Meiji Restoration, the Second World War, sumo, ramen, and the zaibatsu. Partially satisfies the HS CCR and satisfies CP ACE.

Japanese woodblock print of Perry (center) and other high-ranking American seamen—Unknown Author, Library of Congress
An examination of the major developments in the formation of modern science from the seventeenth century to the present. It focuses on science as a human, creative endeavor and examines episodes of scientific discovery, debate, and controversy to generate consideration and discussion of such issues as the nature of scientific discovery and the relationship of scientific theories to their social and cultural contexts.
The United States 1877-1945:

The Search for Order

His336, MWF 10:40-11:50 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Daniel Murphy

A chronological survey of the period when the United States simultaneously became an urban industrial nation and a world power. Offered alternate years. Partially satisfies the HS CCR.

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The World War, 1914-1918

His354, MWF 1:20-2:30 (Fall 2021)
Taught by Daniel Murphy

A survey of the events, ideologies, policies, and legacies of the World War, 1914-1918. Partially satisfies the HS CCR. Satisfies the W2 ACE.

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Explores the historical encounter between China and Christianity against the backdrop of the broader contacts between China and the West. Explores the role of Christianity in the political and social changes as well as cultural transformations of late imperial and modern China and looks at how China’s turmoil since the Opium War helped shape an emerging popular Christianity that is becoming a permanent part of the religious and cultural landscape of the country. Topics include the Rites Controversy, the Taiping Rebellion, The Three-Self Movement, and evangelists and missionaries from Matteo Ricci to Wang Mingdao. Offered alternate years. Partially satisfies the HS CCR and satisfies CP ACE.

The Nestorian Stele is a Tang Chinese stele erected in AD 781 that documents 150 years of history of early Christianity in China.[1] It includes texts both in Chinese and in Syriac.